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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON AMBASSADOR GREEN

FOR AMBASSADOR GREEN

1. NEW YORK TIMES RAN COMPLIMENTARY ARTICLE ABOUT YOU
ON PAGE 3 OF ITS MONDAY, MAY 28 EDITION UNDER HEADLINE
" AUSTRALIANS HOPE U. S. ENVOY CAN REPAIR FRAYED
RELATIONS." LEAD PARAGRAPHS OF ARTICLE WRITTEN FROM
SYDNEY BY ROBERT TRUMBULL AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. AUSTRALIANS SPEAK OF THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF
MARSHALL GREEN, THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE,
AS IF THE VETERAN DIPLOMAT WERE A TROPHY LIKE THE
DAVIS CUP. " WE GOT MARSHALL GREEN," ONE HIGH OFFICIAL
DECLARED TRIUMPHANTLY IN A FOREIGN AFFAIRS DISCUSSION
IN PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK.

CANBERRA HOPES THAT MR. GREEN, THE FIRST AMERICAN CAREER
DIPLOMAT TO HEAD THE EMBASSY IN CANBERRA IN MANY YEARS,
WILL HELP TO PULL TOGETHER THE FRAYED RELATIONS
BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAVE
DETERIORATED UNDER THE LABOR GOVERNMENT OF PRIME
MINISTER GOUGH WHITLAM.

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MR. GREEN, THE FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA AND AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL AT THE IMPORTANT CHINA- WATCHING STATION IN HONG KONG. HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE NEXT SUNDAY, AND TO PRESENT HIS AMBASSADORIAL CREDENTIALS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, SIR PAUL HASLUCK, A FEW DAYS LATER. END QUOTE.

2. REMAINDER ARTICLE GIVES BRIEF HISTORY AUSTRALIAN/ U. S. DIFFICULTIES WHICH YOU ARE EXPECTED TO CORRECT AND NOTES THAT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM IS MOST ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON BUT HAS SO FAR BEEN REBUFFED.

3. FULL ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO CANBERRA. ROGERS

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